

Questions and Answers re: Request for Applications (RFA)

Question: There are two different formats listed in the RFA that request some of the same information -- one in section III B, number 2, and one in the same section, number 4 (Attachment D). What format should I use? Do I have to fill them both out?

Answer: Your proposal will be evaluated based on the criteria listed in attachment D (pages 29 to 35); however, you are still required to complete both sections even though some of the same information is requested.

Question: The RFA says that wild horses and burros could be made available for pen trials or in field trials for this research, but advance approval will be required. What approval is required and when will I know if animals will be approved for my research?

Answer: For the purpose of your response to this RFA, you should simply state that you are requesting the use of a BLM facility and wild horses or burros. For budgeting purposes, you should assume that horses located in a BLM facility will be fed and cared for by the BLM and that you do not need to include these costs in your budget estimate. If you are proposing to use BLM animals or domestic private animals that will be housed at non-BLM managed facilities, you should include budget for feed and care. Decisions regarding the use of BLM horses or burros for your research proposal will be made at the time of grant award.

Question: May an award under this RFA be made as part of the Cooperative Ecosystem Study Units (CESU) Cooperative Agreement and, if so, should my budget be submitted using CESU overhead rates?

Answer: Yes.

Question: May Federal agencies submit applications?

Answer: No, not under this solicitation, but a university could submit an application that has a Federal agency as a cooperator in the study.

Question: May individuals or for-profit entities submit applications?

Answer: Yes. A for-profit entity could submit an application as long as the entity does not make a profit on the activities covered under this research agreement.